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SUBJECT: PRIMIN TANAKA ON TAIWAN CLAUSE IN 1969 NIXON-SATO
JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

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1. PRIMIN TANAKA HELD SPECIAL PRESS CONFERENCE WITH FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENTS IN TOKYO JULY 22. ACCORDING TO WASHINGTON
POST CORRESPONDENT ORBERDORFER WHO ATTENDED, UPI CORRESPONDENT
CRABBE ASKED TANAKA WHETHER SO-CALLED TAIWAN AND KOREAN
CLAUSES OF 1969 NIXON-SATO JOINT COMMUNIQUE WERE STILL
VALID. DRAWING FROM HIS NOTES, ORBERDORFER TOLD EMBOFF THAT
TANAKA HAD REPLIED THAT STATEMENT IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON
KOREA WAS QTE STILL TRUE UNQTE. HOWEVER, ON TAIWAN CLAUSE,
TANAKA AVOIDED DIRECT ANSWER BY SAYING THAT, AS JAPAN AND
US HAD BOTH IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH PRC IN INTERIM SINCE
1969 COMMUNIQUE, THESE QTE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES MUST BE
TAKEN IN ACCOUNT UNQTE. BASED ON THESE REMARKS,
ORBERDORFER AND SOME OTHER US CORRESPONDENTS FILED
STORIES STATING THAT TANAKA HAD QTE BACKED OFF UNQTE
TAIWAN CLAUSE OF NIXON-SATO COMMUNIQUE.

2. COMMENT: SINCE JAN 1972, SENIOR GOJ SPOKESMEN HAVE REPEATEDLY
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AVOIDED DIRECT RESPONSE WHEN ASKED WHETHER TAIWAN CLAUSE

STILL VALID BY STATING, IN VARIOUS WAYS, THAT CONDITIONS
HAVE CHANGED. TANAKA'S REPETITION OF THIS NOW STANDARD
RESPONSE WAS NOT CONSIDERED NEWSWORTHY BY JAPANESE
MEDIA AND WAS NOT INCLUDED IN ANY OF THE JAPANESE PRESS
ACCOUNTS OF NEWS CONFERENCE.
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